THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

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DATED: 16-09-2005

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WRIT PETITION No.17931 of 2005

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Between:

V.Lakshmisri Manisha . . .Petitioner

And

The State of A.P., and others . . .Respondents

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O R D E R:

The petitioner appeared in EAMCET-2005 with a view to secure admission in the first year of M.B.B.S. Course. She obtained the rank of 30716. With that ranking, she was not able to get admission under any category during the course of counselling. She participated in the South Zone Championship in the game of 'Net Ball' and was awarded a Gold Medal. In that view of the matter, she staked a claim for being considered against 0.5% seats reserved in favour of the candidates, who have participated in sports and games. Her grievance is

that she was entitled to be placed in Priority No.23 under Annexure-II appended to G.O.Ms.No.27, dated 04-06-2005. She was placed at Priority No.42 and thereby, denied admission. She challenges the action of the respondents.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner, the learned Standing Counsel for N.T.R. University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada, and the learned Standing Counsel for the Sports Authority of the State.

The narrow controversy in this writ petition is as to whether the petitioner deserves to be placed at Priority No.23 or 42 in the list of Priorities appended to G.O.Ms.No.27. Annexure-I of the G.O. consists list of games, the participation in which would entitle the candidates to make a claim. Annexure-II has enlisted as many as 90 priorities depending on the nature of performance and level of conducting the event. It is not in dispute that the petitioner participated in the South Zone Championship of Net Ball and was awarded a gold medal. The Priorities 23 and 42, which are relevant for the purpose of this writ petition, read as under:

Category I (G) Senior (Medal Winners)

23. Gold Medal in National Championship – National Games –

Inter State, Zonal – Open Nationals for Seniors – Federation

Cup.

Category V (B) (Medal Winners)

42. Gold Medal in South Zone for Seniors.

The contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner that a Gold Medal in a Zonal event enables a candidate to be placed under Priority No.23 is difficult to be accepted. The word ‘inter’ qualifies the State as well as the Zone. In other words, it is only the winning of gold medal in inter State or inter Zonal events that enables the candidates to be placed in this Priority. Once it has emerged that the participation of the petitioner was in South Zone for seniors and she

was awarded a gold medal therein, she squarely falls into Priority No.42. In that view of the matter, no exception can be taken to the action of the respondents.

The writ petition is accordingly dismissed.

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(L.NARASIMHA REDDY, J)

16th SEPTEMBER, 2005.

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